



## DECEMBER 2006

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### NOVEMBER MEETING

Beginning with our November meeting, we were able to “turn on the heat.” Thanks to the chapter’s renovation crew (headed up by Greg Donski, Dave Spitzbart, Ron Twinn, and Scott Feeman) our building not only has a new look to the front end. We also now have forced air heating for the colder months. Next spring, we’ll be starting on repairs to the rear of the building. Volunteers are welcome to pitch in at any time.

At the November meeting **Dave Spitzbart** was re-elected Treasurer and **Ron Twinn** Secretary for the next two year term.

### DECEMBER MEETING

At the **December 9<sup>th</sup> member’s meeting** we will be joined by members from Galt IAC Chapter 1, representatives of the ultra light pilots and representatives of the powered parachute pilots for a give and take session on how we may share the airport facilities and airspace in greater harmony.

Following the meeting we’ll be showing the original “Memphis Belle.” This film was produced during WWII and features actual footage of bombing raids over Germany by the 8<sup>th</sup> Air Force.

Please join us at Galt at **10 AM SAT DEC 9<sup>th</sup>** – come a little early for coffee and doughnuts!

### AND LOOKING AHEAD...

**January** – have you ever wanted to fly “up north”, really far up north – to Alaska!? Chapter member **Dan Johnson** will make a presentation on his float plane trip to **Alaska** last summer. What sort of problems does a trip like this pose? Dan will give some “tricks of the trade” **January 13<sup>th</sup>**.

**February** – is our **Valentine’s Day Pasta Potluck Dinner & Hangar Dance!** Come to the meeting and setup at 10 AM **February 10<sup>th</sup>**. John Roach will show “The X Planes” for those who would like to stay. Then we’ll reconvene at 6 PM (location TBA) for the festivities. Bring a dish to pass – the theme is *Italian* – and bring your own favorite beverage. Coffee and soft drinks will be furnished by the Chapter

**March 10<sup>th</sup>** – we take our annual trek to Marengo to get updated on Mike Kellner’s B-17 restoration. Dress warm, we seem to always pick the coldest day of the winter! Afterwards we’ll stop in Marengo or Union to warm up and have a nice lunch.

For more of our 2007 plans see the calendar on the reverse side of this page.

### YOUR PROFESSIONAL REFERENCE LIBRARY



When you took your first few flying lessons (or started A & P school) you probably started your personal reference library. For pilots the beginning was probably the AIM, FARs and AC 61-21, or its equivalent. For Mechanics it’s the FARs and “Manual 18”, now called AC 43-13; it’s the A & P’s bible. We used to buy all our reference material from the U. S. Government Printing Office and stuff was dirt cheap, not so today! But nowadays we have something even better than the USGPO – it’s the internet:



[www.faa.gov](http://www.faa.gov) site contains virtually everything the FAA prints with the added bonus that it is not only FREE, it is also always up-to- date and **searchable!** It also contains the Airman Registry where you can see if the FAA thinks your licenses and ratings and medical class and date are the same as you do. You can go into the Aircraft Registry with an “N” number and see who the registered owner is. You can check to see if there are any new ADs on your plane, engine, or accessories. You can also use inter active features to do business with the FAA; for instance, an address change or the downloading of a form.



[www.aopa.org](http://www.aopa.org) site is the greatest encyclopedia of aeronautical knowledge ever written. A large part of it is free, but access to the member’s section is worth the price of a membership in itself (so is the subscription to **AOPA PILOT** and/or the bi-annual **AOPA Airport Directory**. It is also up-to-date and fully searchable. The AOPA Air Safety Foundation occupies a good part of the site and has much valuable information. There are even on line short courses on such things as GPS, night flying, winter operations – you name it. There is a flight planner, help for legal and medical problems, DTN weather, the Airport Directory, airport diagrams and instrument approach plates that you can download – the list goes on and on and on!

You will be richly rewarded if you spend some time learning your way around these two sites. Another valuable resource is the EAA’s site, [www.eaa.org](http://www.eaa.org). and to lighten up a bit, here’s one just for fun. It has a picture of just about every U. S. military cockpit that ever flew:



<http://uscockpits.com>.

-Ed.

## OWNER, OPERATOR OR PILOT?

Just who is responsible for airworthiness? Well, most often it is not the A&P, IA or even the owner. Courts have held that the **pilot in command** is the “operator” regardless of whether the airplane is leased, rented or borrowed. When an IA signs off on an annual, s/he is only stating that s/he deemed that airplane (or engine) airworthy on the date s/he signed, not the next day, week or month. Oh – whose “turn in the barrel” is it now!?

FAR 91.405 provides that *“each owner or operator...(b) shall ensure that maintenance personnel make appropriate entries in the aircraft maintenance records indicating the aircraft has been approved for return to service.”* (Emphasis mine – Ed.)

FAR 91.407(a) provides that *“no person may operate any aircraft that has undergone maintenance, preventive maintenance, rebuilding, or alteration unless (1) It has been approved for return to service by a person authorized under Sec. 43.7 of this chapter; and (2) The maintenance record entry required by Sec. 43.9 or Sec. 43.11, as applicable, of this chapter has been made.”*

By regulatory definition, a pilot is an operator. S/he has pronounced the aircraft airworthy by simply flying, or attempting to fly it. Feeling a bit squeezed? What to do?

If you are the owner, the responsibility is clearly yours. YOU must see that the annual has been signed off by an IA. The IA is responsible to see that all applicable ADs have been complied with, but if he does this with a blanket statement, it is YOU who must keep a record of applicable ADs and how they were complied with. YOU are also responsible for any new ADs issued after the annual. YOU are also responsible to determine that nothing has occurred since that last inspection that has rendered the aircraft un-airworthy. A really thorough pre flight is more important than a lot of people think!

It's hard enough to keep your own airplane “legal” but what can one do if borrowing someone else's, or renting one from an FBO? Well, in the case of a borrowed plane, about all you can do is go by the owner's reputation; does s/he like to do things on the cheap and usually go for the easy/quick fix? And if s/he is evasive about, or resents pertinent questions about maintenance and “paper work”, you'd best pass on the opportunity.

If one rents from an FBO, especially a low time Student or Private Pilot and gets into a jam, the FAA might cut him/her a little slack and go after the FBO and/or owner. A more experienced pilot should inquire about the maintenance and ask to see the log books. I'd also ask to see a copy of the insurance coverage in force. Any objections to these requests should be a good reason to shop elsewhere.

Keep it safe, for sure and “legal”, too – if possible.

- Ed.



Ask exactly what he did and get it in writing!

## 2007 CHAPTER CALENDAR

**Join us for coffee at 9:30 prior to meetings!**

**DEC 9** EAA 932 MEETING @ 10 AM (film – *Memphis Belle*)  
**JAN 13** EAA 932 MEETING @ 10 AM (Slide show on Dan Johnson's Alaska trip in his C-180 float plane.)  
**FEB 10** EAA 932 MEETING @ 10 AM (film – *The X planes*)  
SETUP FOR PASTA POTLUCK @ 11 AM  
PASTA POTLUCK @ 6 PM  
**MAR 10** B-17 FIELD TRIP TO MARENGO and lunch  
**APR 14** EAA 932 MEETING @ 10 AM (film – *T.B.A.*)  
CHAPTER BUILDING CLEAN-UP @ 11 AM  
**APR 28** GALT/EAA 932 SAFETY SEMINAR @ 9 AM  
**MAY 12** EAA 932 MEETING @ 10 AM (film – *T.B.A.*)  
**MAY 18-20** OSHKOSH WORK WEEKEND  
**JUN 9** EAA 932 MEETING @ 10 AM  
YOUNG EAGLES @ 11 AM  
**JUN 10** VINTAGE AERO PICNIC @ 11 AM  
**JUN 22-24** OSHKOSH WORK WEEKEND  
**JUL 14** EAA 932 MEETING @ 10 AM (film – *T.B.A.*)  
**AUG 11&12** FLYERS & TIRES  
**SEP 8** EAA 932 MEETING @ 10 AM  
YOUNG EAGLES @ 11 AM  
**OCT 13** EAA 932 MEETING @ 10 AM - nominations  
SETUP FOR CHILIFEST @ 11 AM  
CHILIFEST @ 6 PM  
**NOV 10** EAA 932 MEETING @ 10 AM – election of officers  
**DEC 8** EAA 932 MEETING @ 10 AM (film – *T.B.A.*)

### PILOT ALERTS – EVENTS – FLY-INS

#### GO TO:

AOPA: [www.aopa.org](http://www.aopa.org)

EAA: [www.eaa.org](http://www.eaa.org)

FAA: [www.faa.gov](http://www.faa.gov)

EAA 932: [www.eaa932.org](http://www.eaa932.org)

IL DOT: [www.dot.state.il.us/aero/index.html](http://www.dot.state.il.us/aero/index.html)

WI DOT: [www.dot.wisconsin.gov/travel/air/genral.html](http://www.dot.wisconsin.gov/travel/air/genral.html)

GALT AIRPORT EVENTS: [www.galtfestivals.com](http://www.galtfestivals.com)

### 2007

**EAA 932 Meetings 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturdays @ 10 AM**  
**Young Eagles Jun 9 & Sep 8 or by appt. any time.**  
**Contact any Chapter officer or director (box below)**

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### THREE RETIRED PILOTS by JH,sr.



Oscar: “Foxy, I hear you and your girlfriend broke up.”  
Papa: “Yeah, what happened?”  
Foxy: “Well, she wanted to get married and I didn't want her to.”

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